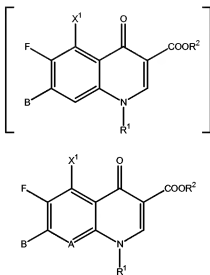


Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10 with the following replacement paragraph:

The antibiotics used in the compositions and methods of the present invention have the following formula:

(I)



wherein:

A is CH, CF, CCl, C-OCH₃, or N;

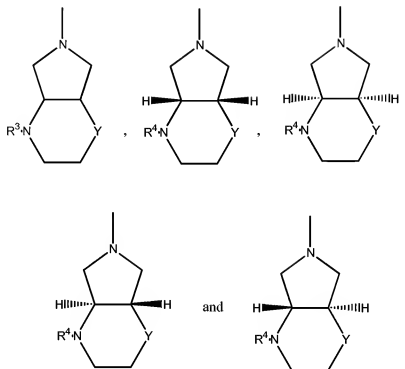
X¹ is H, halogen, NH₂, or CH₃;

R¹ is C₁ to C₃ alkyl, FCH₂CH₂, cyclopropyl or phenyl, optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted by halogen, or A and R¹ together can form a bridge of formula C-O-CH₂-CH(CH₃);

R² is H, C₁ to C₃ alkyl (optionally substituted by OH, halogen or NH₂), or 5-methyl-2-

oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl-methyl; and

B is a selected from the group consisting of:



wherein:

Y is O or CH₂;

R³ is C₂-C₅ alkoxy, CH₂-CO-C₆H₅, CH₂CH₂CO₂R', R'O₂C-CH=C-CO₂R', CH=CH-CO₂R' or CH₂CH₂-CN,

wherein:

R' is H or C₁ to C₃ alkyl;

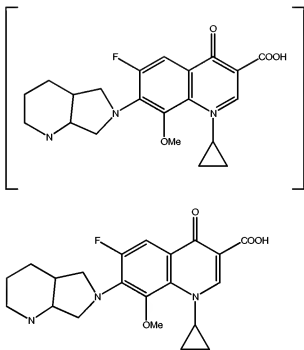
R⁴ is H, C₁ to C₃ alkyl, C₂-C₅ alkoxy, CH₂-CO-C₆H₅, CH₂CH₂CO₂R', R'O₂C-CH=C-CO₂R', CH=CH-CO₂R', CH=CH-CO₂R', CH₂CH₂-CN or 5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl-methyl,

wherein:

R' is H or C₁ to C₃ alkyl; and their pharmaceutically useful hydrates and salts.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 (and amended by paper filed March 9, 2006) with the following replacement paragraph:

The compound Moxifloxacin is most preferred. Moxifloxacin has the following structure:



Further details regarding the structure, preparation, and physical properties of Moxifloxacin and other compounds of formula (I) are provided in United States Patent No. 5,607,942.